* Training of one woman and one man as Water Master in each Pani Panchayat.
* Institution of an annual award for outstanding village community working on Pani Panchayat.
* Campaign on conservation of water through Print media on specific occasions such as Independence Day-2007 etc.
* Participation in festivals, fairs etc.
* Printing and distribution of cartoon booklets with the theme of water conservation for children through schools.
* Mass Awareness programmes.
* Water Management training programmes.
* To carry out demonstrative artificial recharge and rain water harvesting studies to develop/update area specific methodologies.

Mass protest against Pagladia Dam project in BTAD area in Assam

248. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the mass protest against the proposed Pagladia Dam project in the BTAD area in Assam;

(b) whether it is a fact that more number of people are going to be displaced for the benefit of less number of people by constructing the proposed dam project;

(c) if so, Government's response to the mass protest and their demand for shifting the said project from present location to new one; and

(d) whether Government propose to adopt forcive measure to materialize the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) A section of the Project Affected People (PAP) under the banner of a Committee called "Pagladiya Bandh Pralpar Khatigrasta Alekar Sangram Samity" has been protesting against the project through protest meetings in their areas.

(b) and (c) The number of people likely to be benefited by the project from flood protection and irrigation facility is much more than the number of likely Project Affected People. The apprehension of some of the people is that adequate compensation would not be given to the displaced persons. Brahmaputra Board who has taken up execution of the project has organized public meetings and awareness measures in association with Government of Assam to explain the compensation packages to Project Affected people considering the apprehensions. There is no proposal to shift the project as there is no alternative site available.

(d) No, Sir.

Clearance of Sripada Sagar Project

249. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for clearance of Sripada Sagar project (Yellampally Project State-I and State-II);

(b) if so, the present Status of the proposal; and

(c) by when, the above proposal is likely to be cleared by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Preliminary report of Sripada Sagar (Yellampally) project received during May 2005 Central Water Commission is under appraisal. Comments on Hydrology and Interstate matters were sent to state Government on 18th August 2006 and 11th December 2006 respectively. Replies from State Government is awaited.

The requisite clearance to the project proposal depends on promptness with which State Government replies to the observations of the Central Appraising Agencies.

Irrigated surface water and ground water

250. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how much area is irrigated by surface water and how much by